

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 15910 041616Z

44

ACTION OC-05

INFO OCT-01 CCO-00 ISO-00 /006 W

----- 125366

P 041452Z NOV 75

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6407

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 15910

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM,US,UR

SUBJECT: US/USSR HOT LINE

REF: (A) STATE 258564; (B) STATE 257271

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 4 FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NAEHER FROM DR. V. MINASHIN, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: REFERRING TO YOUR LETTERS OF OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 3 DELIVERED TO ME THROUGH THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING:

THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING THE SOVIET EARTH STATION FUNCTIONING IN THE INTELSAT SYSTEM TO OTHER POINTS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN RAISED BY US MORE THAN ONCE, BEGINNING WITH THAT TIME IN 1973 WHEN I MENTIONED IT TO YOU IN A CONVERSATION DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW. IN 1975, IN LETTERS DATED JUNE 30, JULY 14, AND OCTOBER 23, WE INFORMED THE AMERICAN SIDE OF OUR INTENTION TO TRANSFER CHANNEL TGP-4 FROM EARTH STATION "MOSCOW" TO THE "L'VOV" STATION IN ORDER THAT THIS STATION WOULD BE THE BASIC STATION FOR CHANNEL TGP-4. WE HAVE NO DOUBTS ABOUT THE RELIABILITY OF THE "L'VOV" STATION AS IT HAS BEEN FURNISHED WITH NEW SCPC EQUIPMENT FROM ITT, WHICH AS THE TESTS CONDUCTED BETWEEN THE "L'VOV" AND ETAM" STATIONS SHOWED, FUNCTIONS VERY RELIABLY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTEREST YOU HAVE SHOWN, I
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 15910 041616Z

WOULD LIKE TO RELATE THE FOLLOWING AS SUPPLEMENTAL

INFORMATION. THE "MOSCOW" STATION IS NOW SHUT DOWN IN ORDER TO COMPLETE REPAIR WORK ON ITS ANTENNAE SYSTEM. CORRECTION OF THE DEFECTS REQUIRES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME. MOREOVER, AS I HAVE ALREADY ADVISED, THE OLD SCPC EQUIPMENT HAS PRODUCTION DEFECTS WHOSE CORRECTION REQUIRES US TO RETURN IT TO THE FIRM IMMEDIATELY.

AFTER COMPLETION OF ALL THE WORK, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT STATION "MOSCOW" WILL BE USED IN OUR NATIONAL NETWORK OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. THE REPAIRED SCPC EQUIPMENT WILL BE RE-INSTALLED IN THAT STATION AFTER IT IS RETURNED FROM THE UNITED STATES IN 1976. THE MOSCOW STATION WILL THEN BECOME A RESERVE STATION FOR CHANNEL TGP-4 AND WILL OPERATE IN THE INTELSAT SYSTEM DURING A PERIOD OF REPAIR WORK OR OF NECESSARY CESSATIONS OF THE "L'VOV" STATION. THIS WILL PERMIT INCREASING THE RELIABILITY OF OPERATION OF CHANNEL TGP-4. THE DEPENDABILITY OF COMMUNICATION BY GROUND CONNECTING LINES BETWEEN L'VOV AND MOSCOW IS COMPLETELY ASSURED AND DOES NOT RAISE ANY DOUBTS. ANOTHER REASON FOR THE TRANSFER OF CHANNEL TGP-4 TO THE "L'VOV" STATION, BESIDES THE NECESSITY FOR REPAIR WORK ON THE "MOSCOW" STATION, IS THAT THE INTELSAT SPUTNIK OF THE ATLANTIC REGION THROUGH WHICH CHANNEL TGP-4 IS ORGANIZED, IS VISIBLE FROM OUR EARTH STATION "MOSCOW" UNDER MAXIMUM LOW ANGLES SO THAT UNDER POOR METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS IT COULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO A WORSENING OF THE QUALITY INDICES OF THE CHANNEL. THE LOCATION OF THE EARTH STATION AT L'VOV WILL PERMIT WORK THROUGH THE INTELSAT SPUTNIK WITH THE MAXIMUM ANGLE POSSIBLE FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE USSR AND WILL INCREASE THE RELIABILITY OF THE CHANNEL.

FROM OUR SIDE, I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT ON OCTOBER 31 OF THIS YEAR, WE WERE INFORMED BY INTELSAT OF THE TRANSFER OF TELEPHONE TRAFFIC OF CHANNELS SCPC AND SPADE FROM STATION "ETAM-1" TO "ETAM-2". WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHANNEL TGP-4 ALSO WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO STATION "ETAM-2". UP UNTIL NOW WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THIS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AS PROVIDED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 15910 041616Z

FOR BY THE APPENDIX TO POINT 6 OF THE PROTOCOL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1972.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, WE PROPOSE A REVISION OF POINT 15 OF THE PROTOCOL OF DECEMBER 10, 1973 TO INDICATE THE FOLLOWING: INTELSAT SYSTEM: USSR STATIONS "L'VOV", "MOSCOW" (AND CONTINUING ACCORDING TO THE TEXT).

FOR A MORE COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION REGARD-

ING IMPROVEMENT OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINE
ACROSS ISZ, WE ON OUR SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOLD
A MEETING WITH YOU, WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW
AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU.
WITH BEST WISHES, END TEXT
MATLOCK

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 NOV 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MOSCOW15910
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750382-0828
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751176/aaaacqni.tel
Line Count: 121
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION OC
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 258564, 75 STATE 257271
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 JUN 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <24 OCT 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: US/USSR HOT LINE
TAGS: ACOM, US, UR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006